wards provident fund by an employer a cognisable offence;

(:b) if so, what are the details thertof;

(c) whether Government also pro pose to detail with such defaulters in some other ways; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Offences relating to default in payment of contribution by the empoyer is already cognizable offence under section 14-AB of the Employees' Provident Fund and Misc. Provisions Act, 1952.

(c) and (d) Cases of default are dealt *as* per provisions of EPF & MP Act, 1952. The administrative and penal provisions include levy of damages extending upto the amount) of arrears recovery proceeding including attachment and sale of property and prosecutions in Courts of Law.

Committee on non-payment of provident fund contribution

842 SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

fa) whether a Committee constituted to go into the massive default of Provident; Fund payments has proposed some measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take, some steps to implement these measures to reduce mounting recoveries of Provident Fund;

(d) if so, details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Committeee has also made some other recommendations;

(f) if so. the details} thereof;

(g) whether Government propose to lake some steps to implement these recommendations; and

(h.) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons 1-herefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF I THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR | (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (h) The sub-committee- of the Consultative Committee of Parlia-! ment for the Ministryy of Labour has j made certain recommendations (for expediting recovery of the E*PP* & [1] ESI dues. The major recommendations inter-alia relate to making, *noa-pay*-menfi of the EPF|ESI dues a -ion-tail-able offence, non-payment of the employer's shave a criminal bleach, of trust; deposit of 75 per cent olf the amount *as* compulsory before the employer seeks judicial intervention; setting up of speda courts etc. The j Government Ira deeded to have the i report first considered by the ESI j corporation and the Central Eoard of Trustees; EPF.

Implementing the Code of Wages

843. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to stafe:

(a) whether Government propose to have a uniform code for wages throught India;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total number of organised and unorganised labourers in India; and

(d) the steps being taken by Gov-overnent to rectify the social inequa-| lities among labour classes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The issue of [formulating a uniform national wage policy has been, considered by the several bodies in the past. It was considered that such a policy in, the sense of uniform minimum moneatry remuneration for tht coun-
try as a whole is neither feasible nor desirable..

(c) The distributions of workers in the organised and un-organised sector was not collected during 1991 census. The details are available